

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Holiday Inn Restaurant
Lake City, Florida

April 25, 2002
8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Barrow, City of Gainesville
Wilbur Bush, Gilchrist County
John Carlson, Alachua County
Chuck Chestnut, City of Gainesville
Louie Davis, City of Waldo
David Dodge, Bradford County
John Driggers, Dixie County
Roy Ellis, Madison County
Sandra Haas, Suwannee County
Grady Hartzog, City of Newberry
Robert Hutchinson, Alachua County
Ray Kirkland, City of Lake City
Eddie Martin, Hawthorne
Charles Maultsby, Taylor County
James Montgomery, Columbia County
William Naulls, Alachua County
L. B. Nelson, City of Archer
Dave Newport, Alachua County
Garth Nobles, Jr., City of Live Oak
Emory Philman, Gilchrist County
Kathy Pults, City of High Springs
Edd Sadler, Taylor County
Lorene Thomas, Dixie County
Myra Valentine, City of Madison
Lewis Vaughn, Hamilton County

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Bames
Steve Dopp
Jim Emerson
Charles Justice
Scott Koons
Marcy Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Alexander, City of Perry
Melaine "Red" Clyatt, Union County
John Cooper, Bradford County
Minnie Crevasse, Alachua County
Bill Coughlin, City of High Springs
Dixie Donovan, Columbia County
Steve Futch, City of Starke
Gail Garrard, Lafayette County
Alan Hammock, Union County
Matthew Hawkins, City of Jasper
James King, Madison County
Warren Nielsen, City of Gainesville
Tom Robinson, Alachua County
Jim Tompkins, Hamilton County
Douglas Udell, Suwannee County
Penny Wheat, Alachua County

GUESTS PRESENT

Chris Bird
Consuela Dodge
Diana Davis
Louise Nelson
Jon Wershow
Ken Zeichner

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Joye Brown, DOT
Jodi Hopkins, DEP
Marvin Miller, DEP

Board Members Names Bolded

Chairman Montgomery called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m., and asked that Item IV.B., #83, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Adopted Amendments, be added to the agenda.

ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson, to add Item IV.B. #83, Alachua County Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Adopted Amendments to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 28, 2002

Chairman Montgomery asked that the minutes of the February 28, 2002, meeting be approved as written.

ACTION: Commissioner Martin made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Sadler, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2002, meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Montgomery asked if there were any questions about any item on the Consent Agenda, and then asked that each item on the Consent Agenda be approved.

A. Local Government Comprehensive Planning Assistance Services Agreement - Hamilton County

B. Repeal of Administrative Rule 29C-5.002

ACTION: Mayor Kirkland made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - James Montgomery

Chairman Montgomery noted that he had nothing to report, but Ms. Jodi Hopkins from DEP, wanted to introduce Marvin Miller as her replacement on the Planning Council as the representative from DEP. She expressed her regret at having to give up her appointment and noted that she had thoroughly enjoyed her association with the Planning Council.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Executive Committee

1. Grant to Hidden Coast Shellfish Producers Association, Inc.

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends authorization be given to the Chairman to enter into an agreement with the Hidden Coast Shellfish Producers Association, Inc. to contribute clam seed and/or funds to purchase clam seeds to the Association for an amount not to exceed the value of \$40,000 by December 31, 2002, providing the Association agrees to establish a program as described below:

Obtain clam seeds in bulk for nursing in order to secure a reasonable price and also to ensure that such seed are always available. The nursed seeds will then be made available to Association members at a reasonable price, but with sufficient profit to continually operate the nursery. Furthermore, because of the financial position of most farmers, the seeds may be loaned to them and be paid for after harvest, which will, in effect, establish a revolving loan fund to maintain this process.

ACTION: Commissioner Driggers made the motion, with a second by Mr. Philman, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Extension of I-75 Corridor EDA Grant

Mr. Justice explained that staff had determined that it would be difficult to complete all work needed the I-75 economic development project by the end of our EDA grant period. He reported that the Executive Committee recommended approving an extension of the I-75 Corridor EDA Grant from June 7, 2002 to December 31, 2002, or any other extension of time that is granted by EDA that may be less than that requested, and further, that the Chairman be authorized to execute the necessary documents when the request for extension is approved.

ACTION: Commissioner Newport made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Hutchinson, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Agreement with the North Central Florida Areawide Development Company, Inc. (ADCO)

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council enter into an agreement with ADCO to continue to provide staff services to that organization for compensation which equals the revenue earned by ADCO. He noted that this was being done because the U.S. Small business Administration has revised requirements with respect to staff servicing agreements. Mr. Justice related that there is nothing in the changes that will require any significant alteration in the services to be provided or the compensation the Council will receive.

ACTION: Mayor Davis made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Chestnut, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Health Insurance Renewal Proposal

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommends that the Council renew the employee insurance package with Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS) for the coming year beginning June 1, 2002. Mr. Justice reported that BCBS had proposed a significant increase of 16.5% in insurance premiums. He did note, however, that because the council staff is being reduced by two full-time positions, the net increase for the coming year over what was expended during the past year is approximately 6.0%.

ACTION: Commissioner Chestnut made the motion, with a second by Mayor Davis, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request of Gainesville Community Band for Storage Space

Mr. Justice reported that the Executive Committee recommended that the Council agree to allow the Gainesville Community Band to park a trailer at the rear of the lot on which the Council offices are located, and that an indemnification agreement, prepared by the Council attorney, be approved to eliminate any liability that the Council may have resulting from activities associated with this storage.

Mr. Justice answered some questions regarding the responsibility of the Council, and so did Council Attorney Wershow.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Newport, to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. B. Clearinghouse Committee - Chairman's Report

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Amendments

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Clearinghouse Committee met without a quorum, and reviewed two Committee-level items which require Council action.

#82 - Bradford County Comprehensive Plan Adopted Amendment (DCA No. 02-1)

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that a consensus of the Committee concluded that the Bradford County Comprehensive Plan, as amended, remains consistent with the regional plan. He asked that this finding be forwarded to Bradford County and the Florida Department of Community Affairs as regional comment.

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Newport, to approve the recommendation of the Clearinghouse Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

#83 - Alachua County Comprehensive Plan EAR-Based Adopted Amendments (DCA No. 02-1ER)

Commissioner Hutchinson reported that the Committee had reviewed Item #83, and had some concerns regarding the last-minute staff report, in which staff expressed concern that the protection of the Floridan Aquifer was not adequately addressed in the adopted amendments. He noted that after much discussion, the Committee had come up with two options for the Council to consider regarding the adopted amendments proposed by Alachua County to its Comprehensive Plan:

Option 1: Forward this objection: Until such time as a high aquifer recharge area map is prepared as per Policy 4.5.3, the County shall use the Floridan Aquifer recharge maps prepared by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Suwannee River Water Management District. County land development regulations shall be amended to protect such areas if existing regulations and programs do not already protect them.

Option 2: Withdraw all objections and comments providing the county amend its Conservation and Open Space Policy 4.5.3 to provide a date certain (by the end of next EAR amendment cycle), by which the county's new recharge map will be included in the County's comprehensive plan.

Alachua County planning staff was present to answer questions, and the following motion was made:

ACTION: Commissioner Hutchinson made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Newport, to approve Option 2, a above. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Maultsby questioned what would happen to the objections that the Council had put forward previously regarding changes to forestry regulations in the Conservation and Open Space Policy 4.5.3. He noted that he wanted the Florida Forestry Association's objections noted in this policy. Alachua County Commissioner Dave Newport and Mr. Ken Zeichner, from Alachua County Department of Growth Management, assured Mr. Maultsby that the verbatim verbage recommended by Mr. Phil Gorniky from the Florida Forestry Association, had been inserted into the Amended Comprehensive Plan.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Legislative Report

Mr. Justice reported that there was still no budget in Tallahassee. He noted that the DRI process had changed, and that a school board member would now be appointed as part of the membership make up of each planning council.

B. FRCA

Mr. Justice reported that Senator Constantine wants regional planning councils to work on their boundaries, and possibly to consolidate from eleven to nine regional planning councils in the state.

Chairman Montgomery announced that the next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held at the Holiday Inn Lake City, on May 23, 2002, at 8:00 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman

Date